



INVICTUS
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Lunar New Year Edition

Weekly Newsletter
Academic Year 23/24
Term 2
9th February 2024



Welcome from the Principal

欢迎赏阅我们的春节特别版。祝您和您的家人龙年快乐，愿您新的一年充满繁荣和富贵。
Welcome to our Lunar New Year edition and a Happy New Year to you and your families,
we hope that it is a prosperous one.

It has been an exciting half term full of change and we are looking forward to the next half term as we have now settled into our rhythm. It is a great opportunity to reflect on some of the key events which have taken place this half term alone.

- New House introduction welcoming Civets, Hornbills, Pangolins and Otters.
- Introduction of regular house competitions
- Our first Friends of IBT Wine and Cheese night.
- Year 1 excursion to the museum.
- Our first IBT sports day held in partnership with NYP
- Introduction of Deputy Head of Academics and Assistant Head of Pastoral Care.
- Key Stage One parent pop ins
- Next half term, you can expect to see a change to our lunchtime house seating led by the student and teacher house leaders in addition to rotated class seating in addition to further updates on our homework improvement plans and the first of our Keystage 3 curriculum information sessions.

I wish you all a restful break and thank you for your continued support.

Nicholas Belcher



Vision and Mission

Core Values



Respect
Respect for all



Resilience
Persevering and
striving for progress



Care
Caring for others in
a safe, sustainable
environment



Collaboration
Developing the
lifelong skills of
working with others



Excellence
Challenging
ourselves to do
our best



**Joyous Lifelong
Learning**
Taking pleasure in
learning and growth

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Mrs Burke
Assistant Head: Pastoral Care



Mr Belcher
Principal



Mr Morse
Deputy Head- Academics



Ms Shaw
Key Stage 1 Lead



Mrs Rainalter
Key Stage 2 Lead & Head of Chinese



Mrs Belcher
Interim Key Stage 3 Lead



Head of Science
Dr King



Head of PE & Sport
Mr Zulhilmi



Art Lead
Mr Elisara



Head of Music
Ms Ngooi

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Ms Shaw
Year 1.1 Teacher



Ms Liu
Year 1.2 Teacher



Ms Metcalfe
Year 2.1 Teacher



Ms Joachim
Year 2.2 Teacher



Ms Lu
Year 3.1 Form
& Maths Lead



Ms Mishra
Year 3.2 Form
& English Teacher



Ms Wang
Year 4.1 Form
& Chinese teacher



Ms Yu
Year 4.2 Form
& Chinese Teacher



Ms Ferraz
Year 5.1 Form
& Humanities Teacher



Mr Elisara
Year 5.2 Form
& Art Lead



Mrs Lee
Year 6.1 Form
& Humanities/GP Teacher



Ms Ngooi
Year 6.2 Form
& Head of Music



Ms Stewart
Year 7.1 Form
& English Teacher



Mr Burke
Year 8 Form
& Maths Lead



Ms Wang
Chinese Teacher

Invictus International School Bukit Timah

Teaching Assistant and Learning Support team



Ms Yusop



Ms Sulaiman



Ms Kalaihselvan



Ms Kamarudin



Ms Makose



Ms Hu



Ms Cai (Temp)

The image features a dark red background with a string of decorative lanterns and symbols hanging from the top. On the left, there are three red lanterns, a yellow knot symbol, a red lantern with a yellow floral pattern, and a yellow flower symbol. On the right, there is a yellow flower symbol, a red lantern with a yellow floral pattern, a yellow knot symbol, and three red lanterns. The title "Uniform Reminders" is centered in a bold, yellow font.

Uniform Reminders

Uniform- All students should be wearing their Invictus uniform

Black shoes (Not Vans/Trainers etc)

Grey Invictus Skort/shorts

Blue Invictus Polo

White socks

PE days- House colour t-shirt, Invictus PE shorts and trainers are allowed.

Every day- Invictus cap or bucket style hat for outdoor play.

Please note that as per school tradition, students are invited to wear their house shirts on a Friday regardless of curriculum activity as we are encouraging Fridays as a day for house competitions in the near future.



Uniform Update

We are aware that some students prefer a cotton based shirt.

Please note that Lim's are in agreeance to accomodating this by manufacturing a cotton version in the same style .

They require a minimum order of 5 but can make for example 3 in one size and 2 in a larger size.

Please process directly with Lim's;

Lim's Uniform

Address: 211 Holland Avenue, Holland Rd, #02-18 Shopping Centre, 278967

Opening Hours: Mon - Sat 10.30am to 7.15pm

Sun 10.30am to 6.15pm

School Uniform



PE Uniform





Weekly Subject Content

There will be no Weekly Subject content this week.
This will continue after the term break.

Term 2A Curriculum Letter

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kON76FTw-7tk3Auop1KDuhfi8EzCvTda?usp=sharing>

✿ Pastoral Updates From Mrs Burke ✿

The Year 6 pupils have worked so hard this week during their mock tests for the checkpoint exams in English, Math and Science. We are all so proud of their efforts and resilience. Every pupil gave their best go and tried their hardest which is all we wish for in our pupils.

As a celebration of their hard work we had a party on Wednesday after their last mock exam. It was lovely to see the pupils relaxing with a 'JUST DANCE' dancing battle and sweet treats!

Well-done Year 6!





Academics Update From Mr Morse

Year 6 pupils have now completed their Checkpoint Mocks—an important step towards preparing our Year 6s for the first formal and externally-marked assessment of their school career. Their next step will be acting on exam feedback, sitting further papers, and revising content in school, before then completing the exams themselves, which will in-turn enable them to transfer to KS3 this August.

Our KS3 provision will by that time be fully realised with pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 for AY 24-25. It is therefore appropriate to inform parents on our updated vision for KS3 at Invictus Bukit Timah, and introduce KS4, including preparation for subject and school choices. This information evening will be held in school at 15.45 on Tuesday 16th April. In the meantime, please see the list of resources for home use which have been compiled from our [Curriculum Letters](#).

Please see [Curriculum Letters](#) for fuller guidance which includes the below resources to support learning at home

Science	Cambridge Lower Secondary: Science	
Maths	Cambridge Lower Secondary: Maths	IXL Transum
Chinese	We adopt learning contents from different textbooks and workbooks. Reading texts are printed for pupils. YCT textbook and workbook. Any basic characters/high frequency characters writing exercises that can be purchased in bookstore Popular.	
English	Cambridge Lower Secondary: English	



Art And Design

The year 2 pupils constructed their dragon scales to celebrate this year's Chinese New Year zodiac animal. Using the decorative packets of the Ang Pao, year 2 pupils made coned scales to attach to pipe cleaners. Construction was at times messy but we all got through to the end result! The year 8 pupils have completed their lanterns and helped make the year 2 dragon display in the hall. Creating together and supporting each others art has been well role modelled by our year 8s.





Chinese Language

Our pupils were looking forward to the Chinese New Year assembly this morning. Gauri and Ava from 6.1 showcased their exceptional emceeing skills, leading the assembly with charm and enthusiasm. Pupils were treated to a Strings Ensemble performance by Aya(5.1), Yasmin(6.1), Duncan(5.2), Gauri(6.1), Ayaka(4.2) and Hailey(4.2), followed by a lively and cute dance presentation by Year 2 pupils that had everyone smiling. The highlight before the end of the assembly was undoubtedly the captivating performance by Rahul, Malin, Willoughby and Ari from Y5.2. They have put in enormous effort in practising with Ms Sara in the last weeks leading up to the assembly. As the rhythmic beats reverberated throughout the assembly hall, pupils watched in awe and admiration. The performance added a dynamic and traditional element to the assembly, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present!

Parents who would like to enjoy some pictures from today and watch the assembly can find the link here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/llix68qlrg4w5u4emavp5/h?rlkey=0rcuitlp17ujbdns6lf7ouxnk&dl=0>

As part of the celebration, pupils and staff were also treated to a traditional lion dance performance outdoor, making it the first ever such event for our whole school. Excitement rippled through our staff and pupils as they watched the lion dancers performed highly skilled jumps and twirls. Pupils gasped in awe and applause and cheers erupted from the audience, creating a lively atmosphere of celebration. The lion dance had become a unifying experience for the school community in a share moment of cultural appreciation and entertainment!

Before the day came to an end, pupils were gathered to participate in a unique and festive tradition—the 'Prosperity Toss', also known as 'Louhei'. The term 'Louhei' translates to 'toss it up', symbolising the soaring of all things to greater heights and abundance prosperity. Each ingredient in the dish holds special meaning, contributing to the overall wishes of good fortune and good life. As Ms Emily and Ms Stella guided the pupils through the activity, pupils eagerly picked up their chopsticks and tossed the ingredients in the air, mixing all the ingredients with enthusiasm and laughter.



2024

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR
YEAR OF THE DRAGON



Music

In Music, the Years 5,6,7, and 8 students were challenged to read a 3-line Chinese Percussion Ensemble Score of the Chinese Drums, big and small peking cymbals. The students had good fun learning to make and put the rhythms together, taking turns leading their ensemble, and finally performing their rhythmic item on stage. The Year 3 students explored the CDEFGAB notes on the boomwhackers and had fun playing to various musical styles. At Invigorating Instrumentals this week, we enjoyed lovely music by Lorenzo, Jade and Andreas. Well done, students! Ms. Sara



Instrumental Music Programme

Our in-house Instrumental Music Programme registration is still open. If you would like to enroll your child to learn to play a musical instrument at school please complete the registration form by following this link:

www.mckeemusic.com.sg

The IMP runs weekly during school hours and lessons are 30 minutes one-to-one on piano, violin, guitar, ukulele, drums, and singing. You can also request other instruments and the McKee Music team will be happy to help arrange them, depending on the teacher's availability. Lessons are \$55 per 30 minutes, billed termly.

You can also email our IMP coordinator, Duncan McKee, directly at duncan@mckeemusic.com.sg and he will be happy to help answer any of your questions.



MCKEE MUSIC
MUSIC EDUCATION SERVICES



Solo Trinity College London Performance Arts Grade Qualification Programme

Every child possesses unique talents waiting to be discovered. Whether your child craves the spot-light or is shy with a hidden talent, our Performance Arts Programme will help them grow into expressive and self-assured individuals, ready to conquer any stage life brings their way. 3rd year running at the campus, we pride ourselves in nurturing confidence and bringing out the best in every student. Singing, dancing, juggling, or simply expressing themselves, we'll help every child illuminate the stage as we celebrate their unique gift.

Our 30 minute lessons will be rotated weekly and carefully scheduled during class time rotate lesson times so the same classroom lessons are not missed consecutively. Fees range from \$50 for lower grades (Initial, Grade 1 & 2) and \$55 and above for higher grades (Grade 3 upwards). Graduating with flying colours, your child will earn a level appropriate Trinity College London Grade Certificate, a badge of their achievement with our tried and tested programme! Our 2022/23 cohort achieved a 100% Distinction rate.

We create Exposure & Experience for our students as they develop Expression & Creativity while building Confidence & Resilience and their Portfolio. GROWTH

*To register your interest click <https://forms.gle/FzcVDtN6jSm6ozM36>

*To make an enquiry email us on hello@playhouseworkshop.com

*Or to find out more visit www.playhouseworkshop.com

*Get to know the specialist teacher – Jayanthi Lecolley

<https://www.playhouseworkshop.com/our-founder-director>

jaynthi@live.com



Physical Education

We completed our final medal presentation for our Sports Day this week and we are astounded by the enthusiasm and joy which our students still have from the day. Numerous students pushed themselves beyond their limits, breaking their personal best records and leaving us in awe of their dedication. All results are based on the overall fastest and furthest in the year group. Huge congratulations to our medal winners!



[Key Stage 2 Sports Day Assembly](#)

[Key Stage 3 Sports Day Assembly](#)



Physical Education

PE -Field Schedule for Year 1 to 4 Term 2 2024

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
9/1/2024	10/1/2024		11/1/2024

PE -Swimming Schedule for Year 1 to 4 Term 2 2024

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
16/1/2024	17/1/2024	15/1/2024	18/1/2024
23/1/2024	24/1/2024	22/1/2024	25/1/2024
30/1/2024	31/1/2024	29/1/2024	1/2/2024
6/2/2024	7/2/2024	5/2/2024	8/2/2024
20/2/2024	21/2/2024	19/2/2024	22/2/2024
27/2/2024	28/2/2024	26/2/2024	29/2/2024
5/3/2024	6/3/2024	4/3/2024	7/3/2024
12/3/2024	13/3/2024	11/3/2024	14/3/2024
19/3/2024	20/3/2024	18/3/2024	21/3/2024
26/3/2024	27/3/2024	25/3/2024	28/3/2024

PE -Field Schedule for Year 5 to 8 Term 2 2024

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
15/1/2024	11/1/2024	12/1/2024	9/1/2024
22/1/2024	18/1/2024	19/1/2024	16/1/2024
29/1/2024	25/1/2024	26/1/2024	23/1/2024
5/2/2024	1/2/2024	2/2/2024	30/1/2024
19/2/2024	8/2/2024	9/2/2024	6/2/2024
26/2/2024	22/2/2024	23/2/2024	20/2/2024
4/3/2024	29/2/2024	30/2/2024	27/2/2024
11/3/2024	7/3/2024	8/3/2024	5/3/2024
18/3/2024	14/3/2024	15/3/2024	12/3/2024
25/3/2024	21/3/2024	22/3/2024	19/3/2024
	28/3/2024		26/3/2024

Key Stage 1 – Years One and Two

This term in Year One Humanities, we have been investigating the topic ‘What’s My Story’ and discovering cultural stories from around the world. The children quickly learned that many cultural stories have a message that teach us a moral or about why we celebrate particular cultural events. Some favourites have been ‘The story of the Merlion, teaching us how Singapore got its name and the story of Legend of Nian- which is helped us learn all about Chinese New Year. We took our learning outside of school on our first excursion to the Singapore Museum, going on an adventure to learn about ‘Singapore Old and New’. Some of the trip highlight included learning about important occupations in, and how they changed over time.



Key Stage 2- Years Three, Four, Five and Six

This week in assembly, we got to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Key Stage 2 pupils who excelled in various sports day events last week. The dedication, enthusiasm and sportsmanship displayed by our young athletes have been truly commendable, and we are thrilled to acknowledge their accomplishments. We would also like to extend our appreciation to all parents who attended our sports day event last week. Your presence and support is invaluable and will definitely create lasting memories for both our pupils and the school community.



On another delightful note, we would like to commend a group of our pupils for their outstanding participation and dedication in the Chinese New Year assembly. We would also like to specially thank Ms Sara, Ms Emily and Ms Judy who supported and guided the pupils in their preparation for the assembly.

Key Stage 3– Years Seven and Eight

This week we got to re-live sports day with an assembly filled with memories of last week, smiles and medals! I am so proud of each and every one of the students for their efforts on sports day, but what really stood out was their sportsmanship and how much they supported each other.

As our first ever sports day our key stage 3 students have set the first ever school records! I wonder how long they will stand for or if they will be beaten and next years event!

We have also had the joy of our first Chinese New Year assembly which was another great opportunity for our older students to be role models for the rest of the school in celebrating special occasions.



CLICK BELOW TO FOLLOW US, FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT YOUR CHILDREN GET UP TO AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND THE CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES!



Discount card for our families

We are very excited to announce exclusive Invictus Bukit Timah discounts for our community of families with a variety of local businesses and restaurants in and around the Bukit Timah area.

To take advantage of these discounts, please show this page to them and proof that this Newsletter was sent directly from the school to your email address. Watch this space for more partners and chances to win prizes! Click on the business logos below - they are all just a SHORT WALK from school.

Let's support our local businesses!



10% off!



10% off!



10% off!



10% off!



30% off your 1st facial!
15% off your 1st lash or nail treatment!
10% thereafter on all treatments!

Friends of PTA Bukit Timah Wine & Cheese Night

We're thrilled to share some photos from our recent Wine and Cheese night on the 2nd of February, where over 40 parents and teachers gathered for an evening of laughter, delicious cheese, and fine wine. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.. watch this space!



Key Contacts

Safeguarding: safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg (Please call 999 for any urgent safeguard matter)

For subject teacher and curriculum matters, please email the form tutor directly, the keystage lead or subject teacher.

Please contact admin2theprincipal@invictus.edu.sg for any urgent appointments required or call the school at Tel: 6971 8210.

Please use the following contacts for any of these areas:

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General Queries: questions.bt@invictus.edu.sg

School nurse: schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg

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